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Application No.: 09/618,365

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BOARD FOR A GAMING MACHINE

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Dear Sir:

Regarding the formal telephonic interview on July 13, 2004 between Examiner Huynh and the undersigned attorney for the above-captioned matter, the summary by Applicants that was filed in the following Response to Office Action of July 19, 2004 is believed to be appropriate. Applicants respectfully note, however, that several items in the subsequent Interview Summary by the Examiner sent on July 23, 2004 appear to be phrased incorrectly.

Firstly, Applicants have never argued that "there is no power source supply to [a] main board and daughter board" in either the present invention or in Acres, the primary prior art reference of record. Applicants *have* argued that Acres has not been shown to explicitly teach power connections for its personality board or DCN, and have agreed that both of these items inherently require power connections to operate as described. In fact, agreement was reached with respect to these specific points during this telephonic interview.

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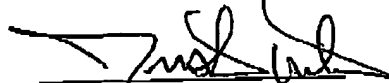
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Secondly, Applicants have never argued or agreed that any "[p]ower supply was inherently provided via [a] connection between [the] main board and daughter board" with respect to Acres. While such an arrangement might certainly exist in the invention of Acres, other alternative arrangements to provide power connections to the personality board and DCN of Acres are certainly possible, such that a definite inherency cannot be assumed. Applicants reiterate their long-standing position that Acres has not been shown to explicitly teach power connections for its personality board and DCN, and that while such power connections may indeed be inherent, that assumptions or inherencies with respect to various detailed properties and relationships of such power connections would be limited.

Thirdly, Applicants agree that the claimed daisy chain and that which has been shown to be in Acres are not identical, although both involve communications to gaming machines as part of a larger network. Applicants also note that while the claimed daisy chain might be used in the invention of Acres, such an arrangement has not been shown to be in Acres.

The Examiner is again acknowledged and thanked for the courtesy extended during this telephonic interview of July 13, 2004, and is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below with any questions or concerns relating to this paper or application. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this paper. Should any fee be required for any reason related to this paper or application, however, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0388, referencing Docket No. IGT1P022.

Respectfully Submitted,
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